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The particulars of incidence of cholera in the affected districts during the months of June and July 1965 are as follows :—

Name of the district.	June.		July.	
	Attacks.	Deaths.	Attacks.	Deaths.
Chingleput	..	..	3	..
Madurai	24	..	32	11
Ramanathapuram ..	3	..	18	9
Salem	3	..	..	..
Madras City	2	..	21	4

It will be seen from the above statement that cholera is prevalent only in Madurai and Ramanathapuram districts and Madras City in a sporadic form while the rest of the State if free from infection.

The concerned Health Officers have taken necessary preventive and control measures in the affected and their surrounding areas to arrest the spread of infection. Measures such as chlorination of water sources, prompt disinfection of the affected premises, materials, etc., of the affected persons, maintenance of environmental sanitation are carried out besides intensive inoculation drives in the affected areas and their surroundings. The affected persons are promptly removed for isolation and treatment under hospital conditions.

Additional cholera staff have been appointed by the concerned Panchayat Union Councils or Municipalities. Health Inspectors from the State Epidemic Reserve have also been deputed for augmenting the local staff resources. The departmental ambulance vans and jeeps with trailors were stationed in the affected areas to facilitate prompt removal of cases for isolation and treatment and also for rushing in staff and equipment to the areas affected with cholera.

As many as 339,255 anti-cholera inoculations were done in the affected and surrounding areas. Inoculation work and other measures have been continued. The situation is under the close watch of the Public Health Department.

III.—PRESENTATION OF THE FOURTEENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES.

Sri K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I have the honour to present on behalf of the Committee on Governsment Assurances. the Fourteenth Report of the Committee Government Assurances.

Hon. Members will notice from the report that the Committee has decided to revise the procedure for culling of assurances. The Committee has decided that as soon as the replies are received for assurances from the concerned departments, they may be placed

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, on behalf of the Minister for Public Health, I wish to make the following statement :—

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before the Committee for its consideration, and that the replies together with the remarks made by the Committee be placed on the Table of the House instead of the present procedure of placing a statement of replies from the departments on the Table of the House and the Committee considering the same thereafter.

The assurances examined by the Committee have been classified and presented under different statements. Assurances treated as implemented are shown in Appendix I and the assurances in respect of which the replies received were recorded by the Committee are shown in Appendix II. The remarks and the recommendations of the Committee in respect of certain other assurances are shown in Appendix III. The assurances to which no reply has so far been received are shown in Appendix IV.

The Committee wishes to impress on the departments concerned that assurances must be implemented within the minimum time necessary. The Committee also hopes that the departments of the Secretariat will extend their full co-operation in the implementation on the departments the need to expedite their replies as far as possible.

I would request the Hon. the Leader of the House to impress on the departments the need to expedite their replies as far as possible.

IV.—DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT OUTLINE OF THE FOURTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move—

"That the Draft Outline of the Fourth Five-Year Plan be taken into consideration".

Sir, already the Hon. the Chief Minister has made his statement on the draft outline. I am moving the formal motion.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Motion moved—

"That the Draft Outline of the Fourth Fiv-Year plane be taken into consideration".

* SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Mr. Chairman, Sir, we are discussing to-day the most stupendous plan that has ever been placed before our country—the magnitude of the Central Plan running to so high a figure as nearly 22,000 crores of rupees. A question has been posed by a leading daily as to how the States are going to participate in the fulfilment of the Plan objectives, whether they are going to take part as partners in such a big Plan or as parties to such a big Plan. We cannot help emphasising our needs and, at the same time, pointing out our limitations in our contribution to the total Plan outlay. Even so, Sir, our total outlay is as high a figure as 750 crores of rupees. The Third Plan began with a modest target of Rs. 291 crores out of which Rs. 190 crores came as Central